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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 JOVAN R. GUILLORY,

Case No.: 1:22-cv-01336-JLT-SKO (PC)

12 Plaintiff,

**ORDER REFERRING CASE TO POST-
SCREENING ADR AND STAYING CASE
FOR 120 DAYS**

13 v.

14 CHRISTIAN PFEIFFER, et al.,

FORTY-FIVE (45) DAY DEADLINE

15 Defendants.

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17 Plaintiff Jovan R. Guillory is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and *in forma pauperis* in
18 this civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This action proceeds on Plaintiff's
19 Eighth Amendment excessive force claim against Defendant J. Alcantar.

20 The Court refers all civil rights cases filed by pro se inmates to Alternative Dispute
21 Resolution (ADR) to attempt to resolve such cases more expeditiously and less expensively.

22 The Court stays this action for 120 days to allow the parties to investigate Plaintiff's
23 claims, meet and confer, and participate in an early settlement conference. The Court presumes
24 that all post-screening civil rights cases assigned to the undersigned will proceed to a settlement
25 conference. However, if, after investigating Plaintiff's claims and meeting and conferring, either
26 party finds that a settlement conference would be a waste of resources, the party may opt out of
27 the early settlement conference.

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1 Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

2 1. This action is **STAYED** for **120 days** to allow the parties an opportunity to settle their
3 dispute before the discovery process begins. No pleadings or motions may be filed in
4 this case during the stay. The parties shall not engage in formal discovery, but they
5 may engage in informal discovery to prepare for the settlement conference.

6 2. **Within 45 days** from the date of this Order, the parties **SHALL** file the attached
7 notice, indicating their agreement to proceed to an early settlement conference or their
8 belief that settlement is not achievable at this time.

9 3. **Within 60 days** from the date of this Order, defense counsel **SHALL** contact the
10 undersigned's Courtroom Deputy Clerk at wkusamura@caed.uscourts.gov to schedule
11 the settlement conference, assuming the parties agree to participate in an early
12 settlement conference.

13 4. If the parties reach a settlement during the stay of this action, they **SHALL** file a
14 Notice of Settlement as required by Local Rule 160.

15 5. The Clerk of the Court **SHALL** serve a copy of this Order to ADR Coordinator Sujean
16 Park.

17 6. The parties are obligated to keep the Court informed of their current addresses during
18 the stay and the pendency of this action. Changes of address must be reported
19 promptly in a Notice of Change of Address. *See* L.R. 182(f).

20 IT IS SO ORDERED.
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22 Dated: January 6, 2026

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto
23 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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NOTICE REGARDING EARLY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

22 1. The party or counsel agrees that an early settlement conference would be productive and
23 wishes to engage in an early settlement conference.

24 || Yes _____ No _____

26 || 2. Plaintiff (check one):

_____ would like to participate in the settlement conference in person.

28 _____ would like to participate in the settlement conference by telephone or video

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Plaintiff or Counsel for Defendant